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## REQUEST UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.28(c) TO ACCEPT FEE DEFICIENCY DUE TO ERRONEOUS PAYMENT OF SMALL ENTITY FEE

Dear Sir:

The applicants hereby request acceptance of an issue fee payment deficiency for the above-referenced patent.

On February 16, 2006, the balance of the small entity issue fee (\$35) was paid on behalf of the applicant. On September 27, 2004, a small entity issue fee of \$665 was paid, but the application was subsequently withdrawn from issuance. Both of these payments were made based on the small entity status of the original assignee of the above-referenced patent, Bindview Development Corporation.

However, on or about January 6, 2006, Symantec Corporation completed its acquisition of BindView Development Corporation. Accordingly, the payment on February 16, 2006 should have been based on the full issue fee. Please charge Deposit Account No. 502306 in the amount of \$700.00 for the required issue fee deficiency (\$1400 less the \$700 already paid), and for any other fees necessary.

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